

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 58 public bills, H.R. 2122–2179; 3 private bills, H.R. 2180–2182; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 140–142; and H. Res. 368–369, 371–373, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–111, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 370, providing for consideration of S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Rick Astle, Director of Missions, Waccamaw Baptist Association, Conway, South Carolina.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 368, electing Representative Davis (AL) to the Committee on House Administration.

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**Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 1592, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 299.

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Rejected the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 189 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 298.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110–120, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 364, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 213 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 297, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 296.

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**Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 1868, to authorize appropriations for the National Institute

of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, by a recorded vote of 385 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 301.

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Rejected the English motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 190 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 300.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed to:

Wu manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–118) that makes a number of clarifications to the Technology Innovation Program, including (1) that projects should address critical national needs and be high reward; (2) that TIP should coordinate with State innovation and technology development programs; and (3) a definition of high-risk, high-reward research;

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Manzullo amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–118) that authorizes \$2 million for NIST to design and develop software that monitors all of the Federal R & D databases; and

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Wynn amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–118) that adds firms and/or entities that are involved in the development and advancement of biotechnology to the definition of technology-related entities eligible for grants under the Technology Innovation Program.

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Withdrawn:

Boyda amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–118) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have highlighted that proposed technologies receiving grants under the Technology Innovation Program may include the replacement of petroleum-based materials and

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Boyda amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–118) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have encouraged grants under the Technology Innovation Program to include local and regional universities that are working in collaboration with small- and medium-sized businesses.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to H.R. 1867 and H.R. 1868 to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 350, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 2nd.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7th for Morning Hour debate; and further, when the House adjourns on Thursday, May 10th, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 11th.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 9th.

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**Reception of Former Members of Congress:** Agreed that the House will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 10th, 2007, for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former Members of Congress, and that the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for such purpose.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4428–29, H4429, H4451, H4451–52, H4463, and H4463–64. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Mobility Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue C. Payton, Assistant Secretary, Air Force Acquisition; and GEN Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command; and Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Joint Strike Fighter and Tactical Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Carrol H. Chandler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements; BG Charles R. Davis, USAF, Program Executive Officer, F–35 Lightning II Program; LTG John G. Castellaw, USAF, Deputy Commandant, Aviation; and Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Director, Air Warfare.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

### PENSION PROTECTION

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Retirement Security: Strengthening Pension Protections. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ELECTRIC GRID TRANSITION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Facilitating the Transition to a Smart Electric Grid.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kevin Kolevar, Director, Office of Energy Delivery and Electricity Reliability; and Jon Wellinghoff, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Robert F. Lieberman, Commissioner, Commerce Commission, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

### EXPANDING AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.

### U.S.-EUROPE MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a joint hearing on Do the United States and Europe Need A Missile Defense System? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and John C. Rood, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation.

### ARAB OPINION ON AMERICAN POLICIES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on Arab Opinion on American Policies, Values, and People. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on House Administration:* Met to discuss pending Committee business.